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(Case No. 00-167-C)

In re Application of:

Carl Werner et al.



Group Art Unit: 2819

Serial No.: 09/742,250

Examiner: L. Nguyen

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For: Apparatus and Method for Improving
Resolution of a Current Mode Driver

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references and information of record in the above-identified application. The references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the references and information be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Pursuant to the office's waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

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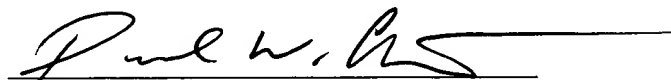
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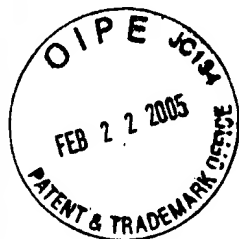
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